

**PUBLIC NOTICE FOR
CLEAN WATER ACT 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION
BEFORE THE DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS**

An application for a Water Quality Certification under section 401 of the Clean Water Act was filed with the State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Water Rights for a non-Federal Energy Regulatory Commission project. Written questions regarding the applications should be directed to:

Water Quality Certification Unit
Division of Water Rights
P.O. Box 2000
Sacramento, CA 95812-2000

RECEIVED:	November 3, 2008
PROJECT:	Rush Meadows Dam Geomembrane Installation Project
APPLICANT:	Southern California Edison Company
AGENT:	Dan Golden, Manager of Bishop Operations
COUNTY:	Mono
RECEIVING WATER:	Rush Creek tributary to Mono Lake
PUBLIC NOTICE:	January 2, 2009
PROJECT STATUS:	Pending

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Southern California Edison Company's Rush Meadows Dam is located within the Ansel Adams Wilderness in the U.S. Inyo National Forest. The facility is a 50 feet high arch concrete dam built between 1918 and 1925. In recent years, observations show increasing leakage that can compromise the storage capacity and may be a public safety issue. The State Water Resources Control Board is lead agency for the purpose of the California Environmental Quality Act.

Following repairs to the deteriorated areas of the dam, a geomembrane liner will be installed on the upstream face of the dam facility to inhibit leakage. The reservoir level will be lowered to provide a work area at the reservoir floor, adjacent to the entire length to the upstream dam face. The liner is expected to add 30 years to the life of the dam. Installation will be completed within one season, weather permitting.